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High Marks for DMV's Online Tutorial

Submitted by Marty Dexter, Driver Training Coordinator – Press Release May 1, 2012

MONTPELIER - The Vermont Department of Motor Vehicles launched the nation's first interactive, online driver's tutorial in November of 2010. The DriveVermont tutorial uses high-tech animation to help new drivers learn the rules of the road and how to drive safely. While initially designed for teens, the tutorial has also proven to be extremely useful to adult learners and to individuals for whom English is a second language. Interactive quizzes are provided after each module. A practice exam at the end of the tutorial is presented in the same format as the DMV written test.

"Young people learn more when they are involved with a learning process that is interesting and fun," said DMV Commissioner Robert Ide. This has proven to be the case. Since its launch a year and a half ago, the DMV has seen a dramatic increase in the number of individuals demonstrating they have the knowledge required to pass the DMV's written exam. Prior to the availability of this tutorial, 55% of those individuals who took the DMV written test passed. The pass rate now exceeds 75%.

The popularity of the DriveVermont tutorial is also evidenced by the fact it is receiving well over 3000 visits each month. This interactive learning tool can easily be accessed through the Internet on a home PC, which makes it a convenient tool for student drivers to use both by themselves and with the help of family members.

To access the DMV's online tutorial, visit <http://www.drivevermont.vermont.gov/>

A 2 minute preview of the tutorial can be viewed at http://dmv.vermont.gov/Interactive_Tutorial_Video

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Vermont Highway Heroes Award Luncheon

The twelfth annual Vermont Law Enforcement Challenge (VLEC) presentation of awards was held June 5, 2012 at the Sheraton Conference Center in Burlington. The law enforcement challenge is modeled after the International Association of Chiefs of police's *Chief's Challenge*. This year thirteen agencies entered the competition by submitting applications describing their traffic safety programs. A panel of judges evaluated each entry and awarded points based on the innovative quality and overall effectiveness of the program.

VLEC creates a partnership between law enforcement and the communities they serve to improve overall traffic safety. VLEC provides tangible incentives for agencies to build effective, results-based traffic safety programs. The Challenge provides an opportunity for agencies to display their effective traffic safety strategies to save lives, reduce personal injuries, property damage, and ultimately safer communities.

Traffic safety is a shared concern of law enforcement and transportation officials as well as medical providers, educators, corporations and private organizations.

Efforts in recent years have greatly reduced the number of vehicle crashes and seriousness of those crashes. Traffic safety experts attribute much of this success to grassroots efforts to change legislation and raise awareness of factors contributing to serious and fatal crashes. There should be less tolerance for dangerous driving behavior, including speed, impaired driving and improper use of safety belts and child restraints. The vast majority of crash related deaths are preventable.



Constable Dale Kerber, Fair Haven PD receives the Highway Safety Award from Chief Ted Minall

Fatalities to Date

	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	Average
Jan	5	2	9	2	12	6
Feb	8	1	1	4	6	4.6
March	3	3	4	3	3	3.3
April	8	5	4	4	3	5.1
May	7	9	8	3	10	7.1
June	12	11	6	5	4	7.1
July	7	4	3	4		5.8
Aug	3	11	6	8		7
Sept	7	5	8	4		6.8
Oct	7	3	6	8		4.8
Nov	2	7	8	5		5
Dec	4	12	8	3		6.4
Total	73	73	71	54	38	

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Photo 1: Commissioner Keith Flynn expresses his appreciation at the Vermont Law Enforcement Challenge luncheon. Photo 2: Sgt. Al Fortin accepts for Shelburne PD who placed first in Category II. Photo 3: Sgt. Gil Rainault, Essex County Sheriff's Department, presents Sgt. Donna Polk, Grand Isle County Sheriff's Department the Ruby Rainault Award.

THE TOP FINISHING AGENCIES

MUNICIPAL AGENCIES

Category I
Fair Haven Police Department
Vergennes Police Department

Category II
Shelburne Police Department
Springfield Police Department
Hartford Police Department
Essex Police Department

Category III
Bennington Police Department

SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENTS

Orange County Sheriff's Department
Grand Isle County Sheriff's Department
Washington County Sheriff's Department
Rutland County Sheriff's Department

SPECIAL CATEGORY

DMV, Enforcement and Safety Division

STATE POLICE CATEGORY

Vermont State Police

THE HIGHWAYS SAFETY AWARD

This award is presented to an individual officer who has demonstrated tireless devotion to highway safety in the communities served and to the State of Vermont. The recipient of this award is Constable Dale Kerber from Fair Haven Police Department.

THE RUBY RAINAULT OCCUPANT PROTECTION AWARD

Duty Sheriff Ruby Rainault personified dedication to duty and passion for occupant protection.

Ruby and her husband Gil moved from Indiana in 1980 and then settled in Guildhall, VT. Ruby's love of children was evidenced by her adoption of six children and her consistent involvement in many youth-related activities.

Ruby became a member of the Essex County Sheriff's Department in 1997. She was affectionately known to co-workers as "Ruby Do" for her willingness to "do whatever it was to help." So naturally, Ruby became a Child Passenger Seat Technician and was a familiar figure at car seat inspections throughout the Northeast Kingdom. Her tireless efforts helping children and promoting occupant protection education is, itself, a fitting tribute to her achievements.

Deputy Rainault gave her life in the line of duty on November 24, 2003.

This award is presented annually in Ruby's name to the Vermont law enforcement officer best carrying on the "Ruby Do" tradition.

A special "thank you" was sent to all law enforcement personnel who participated in the recent "Click It or Ticket", "Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over" as well as other enforcement campaigns. ■

Vermont State Police Award Ceremony

MONTPELIER, VT. - Vermont's green and gold celebrate a year of achievements.

The Vermont State Police color guard started the ceremony Tuesday morning. Friends and family of troopers and civilian members filled the House chamber of the Statehouse. They came together to Celebrate the promotions of 17 members of the state police.



Friends, families and civilian members fill the House chamber to honor VSP achievements

A special thanks also went out to the dispatchers, whose behind-the-scenes efforts keep emergency communications running smoothly. Nearly four dozen others were given awards for acts of heroism and community service.

"This is a 24-7 job. Many people don't understand that or recognize it and very frankly never will understand that. But for those of you who live that every day, thank you very much," Vt. Public Safety Commissioner Keith Flynn said.

The commissioner also recognized the families. He said their support keeps these emergency responders going during demanding days on the job. ■

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Click It or Ticket Results

The results are in for the May 2012 Click It or Ticket mobilization, the table below shows participation, number of tickets written, contacts, arrests and violations:

MUNICIPALS	Patrols & Checkpoints	Contacts	Seat Belt Tickets	CPS Tickets	Other Tickets	Hours	Arrests	Violations
Barre Town	15	93	0	0	13	34	2	2 DLSC
Bennington PD	41	507	22	2	89	121.25	7	DUI/DLSC
Berlin PD	7	215	4	0	31	45	2	
Brandon PD	12	235	20	0	55	61	1	DLSC
Brattleboro PD	10	241	5	0	11	34	1	1DUIDRUGS
Bristol PD	23	223	9	1	53	81	1	
Canaan/Brighton PD	8	83	3	1	7	28	0	
Castleton PD	13	354	6	0	32	34	2	2DLSC
Colchester PD								
Essex PD	6	69	0	0	14	21	0	
Fair Haven PD	15	235	0	0	44	62	2	2DLS1Wrt
Hardwick	8	268	1	0	4	28	2	1DLSc1PMB
Hartford PD	7	60	0	0	23	17.5	0	
Hinesburg PD	7	218	3	0	14	28	0	

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Prevent Child Heatstroke Deaths in Vehicles

Press Release June 18, 2012 – Betsy Ross, GHSP, PIO

Parents and caregivers are urged to take steps to remember not to leave children alone in vehicles. A National Highway Traffic Safety Administration review of child hyperthermia cases noted that a majority of the fatalities occurred due to a change in the driver's regular, everyday routine.

Fact Sheet

Below is a summary of the information KidsAndCars.org has been gathering for over a decade.

- Child vehicular heat stroke deaths for 2012 YTD as of 5/31/12: **3**
- Child vehicular heat stroke deaths for 2011: **33**
- Child vehicular heat stroke deaths for 2009: **33**
- Child vehicular heat stroke deaths from 1998-2011, at least: **519**
- Average number of child vehicular heat stroke deaths per year since 1998: **38 (one every 9 days)**
- The highest number of fatalities for a one-year time period took place in 2010: **49**

Problem

Children are naturally curious and love to explore their surroundings. So, if you leave your kids unattended, in or near a vehicle, it won't be long before they are playing in it. Hide and seek can turn deadly if they get trapped in the trunk, where temperatures can rise very quickly – resulting in heatstroke or asphyxiation.

Prevention Tips

- Teach children not to play in or around cars. Teach them that vehicle trunks are for cargo, not for playing. Explain how dangerous a vehicle's trunk can be.
- Always supervise your children carefully when in and around vehicles.
- Check the trunk right away if your child is missing.
- Lock your car doors and trunk and be sure keys and remote entry devices are out of sight and reach of your kids.
- Keep the rear fold-down seats closed/locked to keep your children from climbing into the trunk from inside your car.

Retrofit Your Car

- As of September 1, 2001, auto manufacturers were required to equip all new vehicle trunks with a 'glow in the dark' trunk release inside the trunk compartment. Show your kids how to use the release in case of an emergency.
- If your car is older and does not have the 'glow in the dark' trunk release, ask your automobile dealership about getting your vehicle retrofitted with a trunk release mechanism.
- Make a habit of looking in the vehicle – front to back – before walking away. Never leave infants or young children unattended in a vehicle—even if the windows are partly open or the engine is running and the air conditioning is on.
- If you are dropping your child off at childcare, and normally it's your spouse or partner who drops them off, have your spouse or partner call you to make sure the drop went according to plan.
- Ask your childcare provider to call you if your child does not show up for childcare.

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Click It Results

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MUNICIPALS	Patrols & Checkpoints	Contacts	Seat Belt Tickets	CPS Tickets	Other Tickets	Hours	Arrests	Violations
Ludlow PD	11	221	0	42	52	52	1	1DUI#2
Manchester PD	10	125	1	0	12	40	0	
Middlebury PD	4	67	3	0	0	8	28	0
Milton PD	14	97	0	0	15	34	3	2DUI 1DLS
Montpelier PD	46	288	5	1	9	25	3	DUI
Morristown PD	8	182	0	1	30	23	2	1DUI 1DLS
Newport PD	12	89	11	1	18	30	2	1DLS 1POSS
Northfield PD	21	402	42	2	62	108	4	3DLSC1DUI
Norwich PD	13	152	0	0	25	41	1	1DLS
Pittsford PD	8	73	1	0	12	28	0	
Randolph	23	303	1	0	8	42.5	1	1DLSC
Richmond PD	20	119	0	0	21	38	3	2DUI1DLSC
Royalton PD	7	333	8	0	23	32	2	DUI DLS
Rutland City PD	44	95	6	0	29	47	7	2DUI1DLSC1PSP
Shelburne PD	24	283	34	1	72	116	2	1DUI1DLSC1PSP
S. Burlington PD	17	85	5	5	32	30	2	2DUI
Springfield PD	43	617	57	1	149	140.25	2	1POSS1DLS
St. Albans PD	5	183	7	1	56	33.5	8	1DUI1DLS1POSS
St. Johnsbury PD	26	175	6	0	24	42	0	
Stowe PD	12	134	2	0	21	33	7	3DLSC2Wrts1POSS
Swanton PD	20	180	4	0	15	60	2	2DLS
UVM PD	9	53	1	1	5	27	1	1Wrt
Vergennes PD	5	102	2	0	12	31	1	1DUI
Vernon PD	33	83	1	0	50	33	0	
Williston PD	20	403	0	0	23	58	11	1POSS4DUI1DLS
Wilmington PD	16	399	7	1	55	56	0	
Winhall PD	20	261	0	0	20	52	2	2DUI (1was#2)
Winooski PD	35	385	5	0	53	40	8	6DLS1DUI1VCR
TOTALS	698	8,640	286	19	1291	1915	95	
Mendon Constable	87	169	2	0	69	33	1	1DLS
Poultney Constable	7	112	11	0	23	32	1	1POSSStolenProp
Rochester Constable	6	433	0	1	2	28	0	
DLC	7	223	5	0	79	81	2	2DLSC
DMV	20	378	8	0	58	140	0	
TOTALS	127	1,315	26	1	231	314	4	
Vermont State Police								
Bradford	9	677	3	0	163	16	8	6DUI1FUR2SA
Brattleboro	39	703	18	3	127	125	4	Not listed
Castleton	23	837	0	0	33	30	7	DUI DLSC VCR
Derby	17	381	7	0	67	65	17	2POSS2DUI1DLS

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VSP Archive Center and Museum Displays at Vermont Historical Expo in Tunbridge

Vermont State Police Archive Center and Museum, attended the Vermont Historical Expo in Tunbridge on June 16-17.

The public charity incorporated in 2009, with the mission to collect and preserve equipment, photographs, newspaper accounts, uniform items and any other items of historical value regarding policing in Vermont and specifically the Vermont State Police and its predecessor, the Department of Motor Vehicle Highway Patrol.

The purpose is also to identify memorabilia, catalogue and maintain records of items received and make them available for educational purposes as well as providing State Police stations with the same to display for public viewing. VSP currently has displays in Waterbury at headquarters and the State Police Barracks in Derby, New Haven, Royalton and St. Albans. The ultimate goal is to preserve the rich history of the Vermont State Police and the Department of Public Safety.

VSP has raised funds through a Christmas raffle, Texas Hold'em and sales of tee shirts, hats, book and photo's. Donations have been received from several individuals and the Vermont Retired Troopers Association.



Trooper Michael Macarilla (now Lieutenant) stands with "Monty" a replicated 1947 Ford Vermont State Police cruiser

Heatstroke

- Do things to remind yourself that a child is in the vehicle, such as: writing yourself a note and putting the note where you will see it when you leave the vehicle; placing your purse, briefcase or something else you need in the back seat so that you will have to check the back seat when you leave the vehicle; or keeping an object in the car seat, such as a stuffed toy. When the child is buckled in, place the object where the driver will notice it when he or she is leaving the vehicle.
- Always lock vehicle doors and trunks and keep keys out of children's reach. If a child is missing, check the vehicle first, including the trunk.

What You Need to Know, Now.

- Even in cooler temperatures, your vehicle can heat up to dangerous temperatures very quickly. An outside temperature in the mid-60s can cause a vehicle's inside temperature to rise above 110 degrees Fahrenheit. The inside temperature of your car can rise almost 20 degrees Fahrenheit within the first 10 minutes.
- Younger children are more sensitive to heat than older children and adults, and are at greater risk for heatstroke.
- High temperature, humidity and poor ventilation create an extremely dangerous environment in a vehicle trunk.

For additional information contact: National Highway Traffic Safety Administration www.nhtsa.dot.gov/keepingkidsafe <http://www.kidsandcars.org>

Click It Results

Vermont State Police	Patrols & Checkpoints	Contacts	Seat Belt Tickets	CPS Tickets	Other Tickets	Hours	Arrests	Violations
Lamoille	3	336	2	0	74	20	7	4DUI2DLS1Fug1CN
Middlesex	42	194	4	0	65	55	2	DUI
New Haven	51	447	4	0	114	105	23	3DUI2CN4DLS3Ps
Rockingham	30	882	10	1	72	420	14	6DUI2CN4DLS3Ps
Royalton	29	334	3	1	105	40	5	3DUI2DLS1POSS
Rutland	18	2,593	9	1	125	0	4	2DUI2DLS
Shaftsbury	10	736	6	0	110	62	19	3DUI1LSA2POSS+
St. Albans	7	98	1	0	8	30	0	
St. Johnsbury	36	730	3	0	94	74	10	1POSS3DUI5DLS2CN
Traffic Safety South	14	590	15	2	157	96	3	3CN-ESL
Traffic Safety North	9	98	0	0	27	35	0	
Williston	7	882	3	3	78		8	3DLS1POSS1DUI2CN
TOTALS	349	10,518	88	11	1,419	1,173	131	
SHERIFFS								
Addison	10	247	14	0	51	92	0	
Bennington	8	178	4	1	28	52.5	0	
Caledonia	21	431	23	1	92	114.5	1	1DLS
Chittenden	13	302	121	19	133	71.5	1	1E-S
Essex	4	149	6	0	11	32	0	
Franklin	5	433	1	0	52	117	8	3DUI3DLS1ATE
Grand Isle	23	168	4	2	29	34	0	
Lamoille	5	70	0	0	18	30	0	
Orange	17	1,692	6	2	27	101.75	1	1DLS
Orleans	18	119	7	0	25	34	1	2POSS
Rutland	5	65	3	0	38	30	0	
Washington	29	1,252	13	4	64	147	3	1DUI2DLS1VCR
Windham	12	1,216	14	0	20	64	0	
Windsor								
TOTALS	170	6,322	216	29	588	920.25	15	
Task Force North	18	3,448	238	32	1,097		42	Numerous Offenses
Task Force South	19	5,359	246	19	809		35	Numerous Offenses
TOTALS	37	8,807	484	51	1,906	920.25	77	
GRAND TOTALS	1,381	35,602	1,100	111	5,435	4,322.25	322	

Crash Data Reporting Tips

This crash data reporting tip comes from reviewing the crashes that came in through 2011. Many crashes were marked as "Head On" when the vehicle went off the road and hit a tree or pole. In the cases where there is a single vehicle, please be sure to choose "Single Vehicle Crash" and not "Head On".

As always, if you have any questions or need any help with Web Crash please call or email us! Our number is 1-888-374-3011 and our email is AOT-CrashRequests@state.vt.us Stay safe!